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From: Bryan, David
Sent: Mon 10/19/2015 8:40:29 PM
Subject: RE: OPA Daily Digest for 10/19/15

Got them. They are in now.

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From: Peterson, Mary
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Thanks- two emails sent your way!

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On Oct 19, 2015, at 3:33 PM, Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Can you send them to me direct?

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From: Peterson, Mary

Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 3:32 PM

To: Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: OPA Daily Digest for 10/19/15

I submitted several new items to the daily digest inbox this morning.

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On Oct 19, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

* New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

10/27/15 - Courtesy Visit with Rob Manes and John Cougher, The Nature Conservancy, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/29/15 – Regional Recognition Ceremony, Regional Office. Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

11/2/15 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Sloan, Iowa. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

11/10/15 – Meeting with GSA Region 6 Administrator on Executive Order requirement for EPA/GSA climate change program development through Federal Executive Board, Regional Office. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/12/15 – National Association of Farm Broadcasters Convention, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/30/15 - Process Excellence Improvement Training, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Jonathan Cooper, 7287

12/8-9/15 - Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

DRA:

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11/17-18/15 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

10/20/15 – Central States Air Resources Assoc. (CenSARA) meeting, Lincoln, Neb. Contacts: Mike Jay, 7460

10/20/15 - Energy & Environment Policy Forum, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688

10/26/15 – Clean Harbors permit public information session, Kimball, Neb. Contact: Ken Herstowski, 7631

10/28/15 – Nebraska Power Summit to discuss Clean Power Plan, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

10/29/15 – Iowa Emergency Response Commission meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Pat Reitz, 7674

11/2/15 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee, "Air Matters: Healthy Homes Kit" presentation, Sloan, Iowa (Winnebago Tribe), Gina Grier, 7078

11/3-4/15 - Iowa Energy Summit, Altoona, Iowa. Staffing ENERGY STAR display. Contact: Craig Bernstein 7688

11/4-5/15 – RCRA division directors meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

CNSL

10/23/15 - Iowa Bar Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, EPA Update (general update on hot issues, legal developments, and priorities). Contact: David Cozad, 7587

10/27/15 – St. Louis Area Safety Council, EPA Update, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: David Cozad, 7587

ECO

11/18- 19/15 – MDNR Integrated Compliance Information System–National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES) HQ Training, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neal Gilbert, 7985

ENST

10/22-23/15 - MESB nutrient sampling field work on UMR, Missouri River and major tributaries. Contact: Larry Shepard, x7441 and Gary Welker, x7177.

10/27/15 - Corps Annual Operating Plan meeting for 2016 AOP in Corps office near Smithville Lake. AOP is yearly plan implementing the Corps Master Control Water Plan for Mo River System (reservoir releases). Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

10/30/15 - Corps Missouri River Bed Loss Feasibility Study/EIS Stakeholders meeting at MARC (9:00 to 11). Contact: Larry Shepard, x7441.

11/16-20/15 – Quality Assurance Training at Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Diane Harris, 7258

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

10/29/15 – National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, a public meeting will be held to announce the award of a HUD Lead Hazard Control grant and to celebrate the transition of the Omaha Lead site from EPA-lead to Local-lead. Key HUD officials participating in the meeting are Michelle Miller, Asst. Deputy Director, Shannon Steinbauer and two local HUD staff. Omaha, Neb. Contact: Steve Kemp, 7194

WWPD

10/19-23/15 – National Association of State Drinking Water Administrators meeting, Fort Worth, Tex. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Gabrielle Thompson, 7569

10/20-23/15 – EPA Region 5 Pretreatment Training Workshop, Chicago, Ill. Contacts: Paul Marshall, 7419, Seth Draper, 7080

10/21/15 – Renovation Repair and Painting Update Presentation, Cape Girardeau County

Board of Realtors, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

10/21/15 – Renovation Repair and Painting Update Presentation, Painting and Decorating Contractors of America National Webinar, Maryland Heights, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

10/23/15 – Speak at Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/27-29/15 – EPA National Drinking Water Direct Implementation Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev. Contact: Kim Burr, 7069

11/2-3/15 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/4-6/15 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/12/15 – Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Climate Resilience Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Amy Shields, 7396, Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

11/18-19/15 – Kansas Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Jason Smith (Mo.) – 10/6/15 – Email – Questions about EPA's fine to Crystal City for a sewage leak. Due: 10/9/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Inside EPA – Bridget DiCosmo – 8/3/15 – Requesting interview with Acting Regional Administrator Mark Hague on EPA's e-enterprise efforts. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KETC Channel 9 Public Television, St. Louis – Brenda Madden Kimberlin – 9/23/15 – Questions about Carter Carburetor Superfund Site in St. Louis. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Victoria Bruce (independent author) – 9/25/15 – Questions about EPA Region 7's 2010 settlement with Upland Wings, Inc., for Clean Water Act violations in Washington County, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KMUW St. Louis Public Radio – Veronique LeCapra – 10/14/15 – Questions about Westlake Landfill and emergency response plan. Contact: Curtis Carey, 7506 (open)

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – Questions about the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

KWMU St. Louis Public Radio – Veronique LaCapra – Questions about the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

KSDK Channel 5 St. Louis – Mary Ann Martinez – Questions about the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Jacob Barker – Questions about the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

KSNT Ch. 2 Topeka, Kan. – Katya Lieck – Questions regarding GHG emissions and lawsuits

filed against EPA. Referred to Headquarters EPA Office of Media Relations. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

EPA Receives Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's Health Consultation for West Lake Landfill; Report Shows No Public Health Risk for St. Louis, 10/16/15 -
Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Environmental Stories:

St. Louis Public Radio - Republic Services casts doubt on landfill fire expert's report -
10/16/15 - Bridgeton and West Lake Landfill owner Republic Services is calling into question the validity of one of the reports released last month by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/republic-services-casts-doubt-landfill-fire-experts-report>

St. Louis Public Radio - Federal report shows no radiation risk to communities around the West Lake Landfill - 10/16/15 - A federal report shows no off-site human health risk from radioactive waste at the West Lake Landfill. EPA spokesperson Curtis Carey said the bottom line is the public should feel reassured that there is no evidence of radioactive material moving off of the West Lake Landfill. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/federal-report-shows-no-radiation-risk-communities-around-west-lake-landfill>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - EPA disputes Koster's landfill reports, calls them 'not helpful' -
10/16/15 - As fear grows over a landfill fire smoldering next to a World War II-era radioactive waste site, the Environmental Protection Agency is disputing reports that warn of an elevated threat. <http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/epa-disputes-koster-s-landfill-reports-calls-them->

not-helpful/article_6ad8cc35-a5ab-5399-9f92-9d4570b0973f.html

KSDK Channel 5 St. Louis - Report: No health risk to communities surrounding West Lake Landfill (video) - 10/16/15 - There are growing concerns about what's underneath the Westlake and Bridgeton landfills even as a government agency said that groundwater, air and soil data from the area shows no health risk.
<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/10/16/report-no-health-risk-to-communities-surrounding-west-lake-landfill/74063446/>

KSDK Channel 5 St. Louis - Party near landfill raises concerns (video) - 10/18/15 - Some parents raised concerns about a family friendly event that was held next to the West Lake Landfill Saturday afternoon. Republic Services owns the landfill. A general manager told KSDK NewsChannel 5 it was "sad" that people would protest an event that included bounces houses, dancing and other activities. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/10/18/party-near-landfill-raises-concerns/74165902/>

KTVI Channel 2 St. Louis - EPA reassures public that West Lake landfill is not a radioactive risk - 10/16/15 - An independent report ordered by the EPA reassures the public that there is no off site risk for contamination. <http://fox2now.com/2015/10/16/epa-reassures-public-that-west-lake-landfill-is-not-a-radioactive-risk/>

Lawrence (Kan.) Journal-World - Kansas faces stiff carbon reduction target - 10/16/15 - New federal clean air rules will require Kansas electric utilities to cut their rate of carbon emissions by 44 percent, a much higher target than most other states'. Yhat's because Kansas currently relies heavily on coal for producing electricity while it uses relatively little natural gas, which produces a lower level of carbon emissions.
<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2015/oct/16/kansas-faces-stiff-carbon-reduction-target/>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Iowa) Courier - EPA consent decree before Waterloo City Council - 10/19/15 - The city would pay a \$272,000 fine and finish modernizing its sanitary sewer operations to resolve alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act.
http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/epa-consent-decree-before-waterloo-city-council/article_5664d6c8-b394-52b6-acc9-2d3f00e973e2.html

Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Iowa) Courier - Lind, Schmitt lose patience with EPA sewer negotiations – 10/18/15 - Two City Council members want to stop negotiating with federal regulators on sanitary sewer issues and seek instead to settle the matter in federal court.
http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/lind-schmitt-lose-patience-with-epa-sewer-negotiations/article_beedcba5-39fa-5501-936f-6ff5df27bd7f.html

Des Moines Register - Senators: EPA ignores will of the people - 10/16/15 - There is no question that we all want clean water to drink and clean air to breathe. Unfortunately, the Obama administration has made it a habit to go beyond the congressional intent of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/iowa-view/2015/10/16/senators-epa-ignores-people/74033078/>

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette - EPA's plan on clean power oversteps federal authority - 10/18/15 - In a full-speed-ahead quest to lower carbon dioxide emissions from the nation's power plants, the administration is implementing new Environmental Protection Agency rules that raise troubling legal issues. <http://gazette.com/epas-plan-on-clean-power-oversteps-federal-authority/article/1561514>

The News-Leader, Springfield, Mo. (letter) - Keep our water clean - 10/17/15 - Growing up on a family farm near the North Fork River in rural Southwest Missouri, I understood at an early age the importance and value of our streams and wetlands. Clean water is something we need and everyone has the right to use and to enjoy. <http://www.news-leader.com/story/opinion/readers/2015/10/17/letter-keep-water-clean/74082758/>

Hays (Kan.) Daily News - Silence in Victoria - 10/16/15 - As is the case with so many communities in western Kansas, particularly those not sitting above an aquifer, the city of Victoria has a water shortage. Accordingly, conservation ordinances are in effect. http://www.hdnews.net/opinion/editorials/silence-in-victoria/article_6ee0c66e-1fd6-52a5-9b48-629fd7f4c45e.html

Hannibal (Mo.) Courier-Post - One of Hannibal BPW's short-term water compliance solution gets the ax by MoDNR - 10/17/15 - The Hannibal Board of Public Works (BPW) proposed short-term solutions to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a way for the BPW to achieve compliance and avoid any fines. At least one of the BPW's proposals has been rejected. <http://www.hannibal.net/article/20151017/NEWS/151019170>

Des Moines Register - Vilsack: 'Vision Iowa'-like conservation effort needed - 10/16/15 - Vilsack, Iowa's former governor, said he spoke Thursday night with Gov. Terry Branstad about ways the state and federal government can work together, along with farmers, agribusinesses, environmental and conservation groups, to mount a large effort that could quell a lawsuit filed by Des Moines Water Works. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/2015/10/16/vilsack-vision-iowa-like-conservation-effort-needed/74074440/>

National Public Radio - Interest Builds In Giving Farmers Credit For Growing Green -

10/16/15 - Like all business owners, farmers want to get paid for their work. Sometimes, that work creates problems for the environment, so regulators are advancing the idea of creating environmental markets to allow farmers to make money off of their conservation practices. <http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/10/16/449216756/environmental-markets-could-sell-farmers-on-conservation>

Ag Professional - Businesses concerned about court rulings that delay Clean Water Rule - 10/16/15 - Businesses have been calling for clear protections for clean water for years, and these rulings mean they will have to wait even longer. A scientific poll last year found that 80 percent of small business owners nationwide supported the EPA's rule. <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/businesses-concerned-about-court-rulings-delay-clean-water-rule>

Washington Examiner - Probe into EPA's biofuel standard begins as debate heats up - 10/18/15 - The battle over the Renewable Fuel Standard is heating up a little more than a month before the Environmental Protection Agency is expected to reduce the amount of biofuel required in gasoline and as an investigation begins into the agency's handling of the law. <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/probe-into-epas-biofuel-standard-begins-as-debate-heats-up/article/2574327>

Environmental Leader - EPA to Review Biofuels Mandate - 10/19/15 - The Renewable Fuel Standard's effectiveness has long been called into question by the oil industry. Now it's the subject of an EPA internal investigation, as the agency launches its own review of the environmental benefits of the biofuels mandate, which requires refiners to blend corn-based ethanol with gasoline. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/10/19/epa-to-review-biofuels-mandate/>

Biofuels Digest - Renewable Fuels Association responds to "Big-Oil Funded" University of Tennessee study - 10/18/15 - "At the end of the day, the biggest winner, with respect to the RFS, has been our nation's consumers who have been given more affordable choices at the pump, and have also been provided with a safe, clean source of home-grown energy." <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2015/10/18/renewable-fuels-association-responds-to-big-oil-funded-university-of-tennessee-study/>

Daily Caller - Gov't Watchdog Investigates If EPA Is Being Honest About Ethanol's Environmental Impacts - 10/16/15 - Government investigators have begun looking into whether or not the Environmental Protection Agency "complied with the reporting requirements of laws" mandating that refiners blend ethanol into the fuel supply. <http://dailycaller.com/2015/10/16/govt-watchdog-investigates-if-epa-is-being-honest-about-ethanols-environmental-impacts/>

Feed Navigator - Early fears for crop toxin levels diminish in the US - 10/19/15 - Early fears on the possibility of high mycotoxin levels in feed crops have not been realized in some Corn Belt states in the US, agricultural experts say.

<http://www.feednavigator.com/Markets/Early-fears-for-crop-toxin-levels-diminish-in-the-US>

Science 2.0 - How Nature Stabilizes Ecosystems During Climate Extremes - 10/18/15 - It sounded ridiculous when Gina McCarthy claimed nature was fixing itself after they created a toxic waste disaster in Colorado but that future methane needed the EPA to halt it right now, yet science has again shown that nature is more resilient than political bodies think.
http://www.science20.com/news_articles/how_nature_stabilizes_ecosystems_during_climate_extremes-157576

Climate Central - 150 Countries Pledge to Curb Carbon Emissions - 10/18/15 - Some 150 countries representing around 90 percent of the world's carbon emissions have now filed pledges to curb them, dramatically increasing the chances of a deal at the Paris climate summit in December. <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/150-countries-pledge-to-curb-emissions-19560>

Forbes - Utilities Running Out Of Time To Adapt To Energy Revolution - 10/18/15 - Across North America, utility executives know they're running out of time to plan for an elusive future, yet many are still waiting for that future to tell them what to do.
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffmcmahon/2015/10/18/utilities-run-out-of-time-to-adapt-to-energy-revolution/>

Associated Press - Pope rallies bishops to press climate call before Paris meet - 10/19/15 - The Vatican is seeking to reinforce Pope Francis' environmental message by encouraging bishops from around the world to sign an appeal to world leaders meeting in Paris next month for crucial climate change talks. http://qctimes.com/business/pope-rallies-bishops-to-press-climate-call-before-paris-meet/article_f01ff774-5ecb-5925-9f38-bfde46a9e2f3.html

The Hill - Nuclear energy must be part of the COP21 climate change solution - 10/16/15 - In December, representatives of world governments will take on one of the most daunting technological challenges of our time: ratifying an agreement to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 80 percent by 2050. They will meet in Paris for the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21).
<http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/257091-nuclear-energy-must-be-part-of-the-cop21-climate>

Utility DIVE - Report: 11% of nukes could retire early, putting Clean Power Plan goals at risk - 10/19/15 - Rock bottom natural gas prices have put the squeeze on nuclear generation,

and an analysis by SNL shows that a significant chunk of the carbon-free generation may be at risk. <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/report-11-of-nukes-could-retire-early-putting-clean-power-plan-goals-at/407502/>

The Hill - New ozone rule is unnecessary and costly - 10/16/15 - Despite the impression created by government bureaucrats, environmental lobbyists, and the media, air quality in the United States is the best it has been since before the Industrial Revolution and is continuing to improve. Environmentalists and regulators paint a false picture of the nation's air quality to pad their budgets and increase their power. <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/257086-new-ozone-rule-is-unnecessary-and-costly>

Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal - Federal coal ash regulations take effect - 10/18/15 - The gooey, grayish-black sludge that spread across Roane County in East Tennessee on a bitterly cold December morning is gone, but the fallout from the nation's worst coal-ash spill enters a new phase on Monday when the federal government begins regulating the storage and disposal of ash from coal-fired power plants. <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/national/federal-coal-ash-regulations-take-effect-223a5299-51a5-419a-e053-0100007f7866-333929111.html>

McClatchy News Service - House bill could shield oil train spill response plans from disclosure - 10/16/15 - A House of Representatives bill unveiled Friday could make it more difficult for the public to know how prepared railroads are for responding to oil spills from trains, their worst-case scenarios and how much oil is being transported by rail through communities. <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/economy/article39495555.html>

Reuters - White House enlists companies in climate push - 10/19/15 - The White House on Monday announced that a total of 81 companies, including Alcoa Inc., General Electric Co. and Procter & Gamble, have backed a U.S.-sponsored pledge supporting action to combat climate change. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/white-house-enlists-companies-in-climate-push/article_4d2490d2-b0dc-520b-aa5f-421b6a1e63ba.html

Christian Science Monitor - Fossil fuel executives pledge emissions cuts: turning point or publicity stunt? - 10/16/15 - In an unprecedented move, executives from ten fossil fuel companies on Friday announced a joint pledge to lower emissions. The details, however, remain murky. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2015/1016/Fossil-fuel-executives-pledge-emissions-cuts-turning-point-or-publicity-stunt>

Brownfield Ag News - RFA welcomes review of ethanol's GHG emissions - 10/19/15 - The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) says a federal review of how the EPA is determining the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of biofuels will provide a clearer picture of the climate benefits of ethanol. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2015/10/19/rfa-welcomes-review-of-ethanols->

[ghg-emissions/](#)

E&E Daily - Senators to probe federal role in stalled tribal projects - 10/19/15 - Energy development on Native American lands continues to languish, and the federal government is partly to blame, according to the Government Accountability Office.

<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060026497/>

E&E Daily - Subcommittee to take stock of impact of agency rules - 10/19/15 - Senators will take a hard look at U.S. EPA rules this week. The Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management and Regulatory Oversight is set to hold a hearing Wednesday titled "Oversight of Regulatory Impact Analyses for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations." <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060026492/>

E&E Daily - Panel to hear from critics of new ozone standard - 10/19/15 - U.S. EPA's new ozone standard this week will suffer a round of criticisms at a House Science, Space and Technology Committee hearing. The full committee plans to hold a hearing Thursday featuring witnesses who have raised concerns about EPA's efforts to lower the standard.

<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060026490/>

E&E Daily - Panel wades into legality of EPA rule as publication looms - 10/19/15 - A key subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will review the legal arguments against U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan this week as stakeholders wait for the imminent publication of the landmark climate rule. <http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060026491/>

Greenwire - Brookings calls for 'substantive dialogue' on CCS - 10/16/15 - The federal government should do more to encourage the commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies to address climate change, the Brookings Institution said in a report released today. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060026452/>

Christian Science Monitor - Can caffeine really make bees more efficient pollinators? - 10/16/15 - Previous studies have suggested that caffeine produced by plants could be beneficial for bee memories. But new research suggests drugged bees may just be exploited bees. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2015/1016/Can-caffeine-really-make-bees-more-efficient-pollinators>

Inside EPA - High Court To Review State Gas Subsidy Suits Despite FERC Opposition - 10/29/15 - Despite opposition from the Obama administration, the Supreme Court has agreed to review a pair of cases over states' authority to subsidize clean power generation, opening the door to reversing lower court rulings that some state officials have said could undermine

their efforts to comply with EPA's greenhouse gas rule for existing power plants.
<http://insideepaclimate.com/climate-daily-news/high-court-review-state-gas-subsidy-suits-despite-ferc-opposition>

News-Medical.net - Study shows green housing could reduce environmental exposures, improve health - 10/16/15 - Low-income housing residents who live in "green" buildings that are built with eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient features appear to have fewer "sick building" symptoms (SBS) than residents of traditionally constructed low-income housing, according to a new study. <http://www.news-medical.net/news/20151016/Study-shows-green-housing-could-reduce-environmental-exposures-improve-health.aspx>

Environmental Leader - EPA Rules Target Refrigerants' Emissions - 10/16/15 - The EPA yesterday announced several new actions that aim to curb emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), potent greenhouse gases used in refrigeration and air conditioning.
<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/10/16/epa-rules-target-refrigerants-emissions/>